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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversations with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House
Appropriations Committee, re Funding Agency Reserves

25X1A 1. This morning I called Ralph Preston with reference to his
25X1A conversation yesterday with [] in which he proposed that
[] be allocated to the Agency Reserves [] 25X1A
cut which is being made in the NRO budget. I asked Preston whether
it was possible to increase this to perhaps [] for the Agency. 25X1A
He said this might be done, but would probably require a formal
written recommendation from the Office of Management and Budget.

25X1A 2. After discussing the matter with Colonel White I called
Preston back to say that while the [] figure has some definite 25X1A
advantages, we will probably have difficulty in getting an adequate
letter of justification from OMB, and moreover would rather take the
[] than create problems for the Committee. Therefore, I
said we would rely on Preston's good judgment as to what was desirable
and feasible.

25X1A 3. Preston said he thought he might indeed have some problems
25X1A with the [] figure, and that because of the pressing deadline
(mark up on the bill begins tomorrow) he thought we should stick with
the []

25X1A 4. Late in the day Preston called to say that they had finally
settled on the [] figure.

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